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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 17

1. NYT (11) MALCOLM BROWN REPORTS FROM WARSAW EXCEPT FOR YUGOSLAVIA, WHOSE CURRENCY IS TIED TO WESTERN MONEY AND IS PRACTICALLY CONVERTIBLE, THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE ALL TIE THEIR CURRENCIES TO THE SOVIET RUBLE, WHICH IS TIED TO NOTHING BUT THE MINDS OF VARIOUS BUREAUCRATS.

2. NYT (11) REPORTS FROM GENEVA THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE ARREST OF A FORMER HIGH OFFICER AS A SPY FOR THE SOVIET UNION.

3. WP (2) AROUND THE WORLD ITEM FROM BONN SAYS WEST GERMAN POLICE DISCLOSED THAT TWO MEN WERE ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY TRYING TO SELL BLUEPRINTS OF NATO'S NEW TORNADO SWING-WING FIGHTER PLANE TO AN "EASTERN INTELLIGENCE AGENCY" A PHRASE SOURCES SAID MEANT THE SOVIET UNION.

4. CSM (2) INSIDE NEWS BRIEFLY SECTION REPORTS FROM HALIFAX TWO SOVIET NAVY VESSELS ARE SEARCHING FOR A

RUSSIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT BELIEVED TO HAVE CRASHED IN

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THE ATLANTIC OCEAN OFF NEWFOUNDLAND 12 DAYS AGO.

5. CSM (13) REPORTS FROM BOSTON SOME 100 BAPTIST CLERGYMEN ARE IMPRISONED IN THE SOVIET UNION -- MANY SUBJECT TO HARD LABOR, ACCORDING TO LATVIAN PASTOR JANIS SMITS, WHO IS NOW IN THE U.S.

AUGUST 16

1. CSM (2) INSIDE NEWS BRIEFLY SECTION REPORTS CASTRO WAS AWARDED SOVIET ORDER OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION AUGUST 14 ON HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY. KISSINGER

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